

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTIONS

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT—TAX EXEMPTION—NONPROFIT WATER SUPPLY CORPORATIONS

S. J. R. No. 6

Proposing an amendment to Section 2, Article VIII, Constitution of the State of Texas, to provide that nonprofit water supply corporations are exempt from taxation.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

Section 1. That Section 2, Article VIII, Constitution of the State of Texas, be amended to read as follows:

"Section 2. All occupation taxes shall be equal and uniform upon the same class of subjects within the limits of the authority levying the tax; but the legislature may, by general laws, exempt from taxation public property used for public purposes; all real and personal property owned by a nonprofit water supply corporation which is reasonably necessary for, and is used in, operation of the corporation in the acquisition, storage, transportation and sale of water as authorized as its sole legal purpose; actual places or (of) religious worship, also any property owned by a church or by a strictly religious society for the exclusive use as a dwelling place for the ministry of such church or religious society, and which yields no revenue whatever to such church or religious society; provided that such exemption shall not extend to more property than is reasonably necessary for a dwelling place and in no event more than one acre of land; places of burial not held for private or corporate profit; all buildings used exclusively and owned by persons or associations of persons for school purposes and the necessary furniture of all schools and property used exclusively and reasonably necessary in conducting any association engaged in promoting the religious, educational and physical development of boys, girls, young men or young women operating under a state or national organization of like character; also the endowment funds of such institutions of learning and religion not used with a view to profit; and when the same are invested in bonds or mortgages, or in land or other property which has been and shall hereafter be bought in by such institutions under foreclosure sales made to satisfy or protect such bonds or mortgages, that such exemption of such land and property shall continue only for two years after the purchase of the same at such sale by such institutions and no longer, and institutions of purely public charity; and all laws exempting property from taxation other than the property above mentioned shall be null and void."

Sec. 2. The foregoing Constitutional amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of this state at an election to be held on

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the first Tuesday after the first Monday in August, 1969, at which election all ballots shall have printed on them the following:

"FOR the Constitutional amendment to exempt nonprofit water supply corporations from taxation."; and

"AGAINST the Constitutional amendment to exempt nonprofit water supply corporations from taxation."

Sec. 3. The Governor of the State of Texas shall issue the necessary proclamation for the election, and this amendment shall be published in the manner and for the length of time required by the Constitution and laws of this state.

Passed the Senate on February 13, 1969: Yeas 28, Nays 0; April 16, 1969, Senate concurred in House amendment: Yeas 25, Nays 1; passed by the House on April 16, 1969, with amendment: Yeas 129, Nays 13.

Signed by the Governor April 17, 1969.

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT—ASSISTANCE AND MEDICAL CARE FOR NEEDY AGED, DISABLED AND BLIND PERSONS, AND NEEDY DEPENDENT CHILDREN

S. J. R. No. 8

Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of the State of Texas, amending Section 51-a of Article III; providing that the Legislature shall enact appropriate legislation which will enable the State of Texas to cooperate with the Government of the United States in providing assistance grants out of state funds to and/or medical care on behalf of needy aged persons, needy persons who are totally and permanently disabled, needy blind persons, and needy dependent children and the caretakers of such children; providing rehabilitation and any other services included in the federal legislation providing matching funds to help such families and individuals attain or retain capability for independence or self-care; authorizing the Legislature to prescribe eligibility requirements; providing for the acceptance and expenditure of funds from the Government of the United States for such purposes; authorizing appropriations for such purposes out of state funds; providing that the maximum amount paid out of state funds to any individual recipient shall not exceed the amount that is matchable out of federal funds; providing that the total amount of such payments for assistance only out of state funds on behalf of such needy individuals shall not exceed Eighty Million Dollars (\$80,000,000) per year; provided that if the limitations and restrictions herein contained are found to be in conflict with the provisions of appropriate federal statutes as they now are or as they may be amended, to the extent that federal matching money is not available to the state for these purposes, then and in that event the Legislature is specifically authorized and empowered to prescribe such limitations and restrictions and enact such laws as may be necessary in order that such federal matching money will be available for assistance and/or medical care for or on behalf of needy persons; providing for the necessary election, form of ballot, proclamation, and publication.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

Section 1. That Section 51-a of Article III of the Constitution of the State of Texas be amended, and the same is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

"Section 51-a. The Legislature shall have the power, by General Laws, to provide, subject to limitations herein contained, and such other